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FROM VANCE

1. WE NOTE FROM REPORT OF RTG/USG CUSTOMS PROJECT
EVALUATION COMMITTEE PROVISIO THAT "PROCUREMENT OF VESSELS,
BY RTG AND USG, BE RELATED TO SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF
CUSTOMS' PROGRAM FOR MORE EFFECTIVE VESSEL UTILIZATION".
WE WOULD EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT GENERAL TONE OF REPORT
IS QUITE FAVORABLE TO RTG ABILITIES, COOPERATION AND
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SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE IN REGARD TO CUSTOMS PROJECTS.

2. THEREFORE WE ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT THE NEARLY 2 MILLION DOLLARS WE SET ASIDE FOR CUSTOMS MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT IN 1975 NCAP MAY NOT BE OBLIGATED DURING FY 1975, AND WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN EARLY FY '76 SHOULD WE BE UNDER CONTINUING RESOLUTION AUTHORITY.

3. WHILE WE ARE NOT URGING THAT YOU OBLIGATE FUNDS IF YOU FEEL IT IS NOT IN OUR BEST INTERESTS TO DO SO, IT

SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE EQUIPMENT ENVISAGED CARRIES A CONSIDERABLE LEAD TIME. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT WANT TO FOREGO THE SOONEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THE RTG'S NARCOTICS INTERDICTION CAPABILITIES AS INDICATED IN THE EVALUATION UNLESS THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS TO THE CONTRARY. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR EVALUATION OF PROJECT STATUS AND BEST ESTIMATE AS TO WHETHER FUNDS FOR CUSTOMS MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT CAN BE OBLIGATED DURING FY 75. KISSINGER

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